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January 12, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

33 JANUARY 12, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**EXTENSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR
BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECTS IN VARIOUS CITIES AND VARIOUS COUNTY
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the State of California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for bridge seismic retrofit projects at various locations in the cities and County of Los Angeles unincorporated communities that were previously funded with Federal funds but will not be completed by May 3, 2010, and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreement(s) with these State departments for this purpose.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that bridge seismic retrofit projects are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the State of California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for bridge seismic retrofit projects at various locations in the cities and County of Los Angeles unincorporated communities that were previously funded with Federal funds but will not be completed by May 3, 2010, and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreement(s) with these State departments for the extension of budget authority for these projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California (State) Department of Transportation and the State Department of Finance to extend budget authority for bridge seismic retrofit projects at various locations in cities and County of Los Angeles (County) unincorporated communities, as detailed on the enclosed project list (Enclosure 1) , that were previously funded with Federal funds but will not be completed by May 3, 2010, and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreement(s) with the State departments for this purpose. Enclosure 1 contains detailed information regarding the project delays.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4). The requested extension of budget authority will allow the County to maximize Federal reimbursement for important transportation projects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The projects for which we are requesting time extensions of budget authority have been included in prior and current years' Road Fund Budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 16304.3, project sponsors/local agencies are now required by the State to request extension of budget authority for Federal- and State-funded transportation projects that will extend beyond the original appropriation of project funding.

As part of the County's ongoing Road Construction Program, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) actively seeks Federal grants to supplement County road funds in order to deliver important transportation improvement projects located primarily in unincorporated County areas. These Federal funds are available through a variety of programs administrated by the State Department of Transportation. Due to the State's desire to improve the management of funds, the State Department of Finance requires project sponsors to request extensions for those projects that were previously funded, but will not be completed by May 3, 2010. As part of the request, the State requires your Board's approval indicating concurrence with the request. Following your Board's approval, the necessary extensions will be processed through cooperative work agreement(s).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These bridge seismic retrofit projects are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21080.16 of the Public Resources Code. These exemptions provide for the need to bring an existing bridge up to contemporary seismic standards while retaining the same purpose, capacity, and location as the existing bridge.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The extension of the budget authority will allow Public Works to continue to receive Federal funds for the projects on the enclosed project list.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter and the project list to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

GF:YB:pr

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office

Local Assistance Projects (Project List)
CWA Cycle 7
Budget Authority Lapsing June 30, 2010
(As of July 31, 2009)
Dist 7: Los Angeles County

Fiscal Year	Fund Source	STIP Funds? (Yes/No)	Dist	Agency Name	Sup. Dist	Project Prefix	Project Number	Location Name	Work Type Description	Project Status Code	Initial Project Amount (for FY)	Expenditure Amt. (for FY)	Unliquidated Encumbrance Balance (for FY)	Date Balance will be Billed to Caltrans (month/year)	Request for CWA? (Yes/No)	Is Project Consistent with Original Scope & Purpose of Appropriation?	Delay Code	Reason For Delay	Identify Any Impediments For Completion	Will Project Be Completed Within Extension? (Yes/No) Completion Date?	Name of Local Agency Contact Providing Info
2003-04	Federal	No	07	Los Angeles County	1,2,5	BRLSZD	5953(375)	6 Bridges in Los Angeles County, Bridge #'s 53C0459, 53C0471, 53C0495, 53C0671, 53C0697, 53C1909	Seismic Retrofit	6A	\$1,084,847	\$1,068,190	\$16,657	03/31/2011	Yes	Yes	8 & 9	Removal of the State matching funds prevented the local agencies from advancing the individual bridges to construction. As a result of the November 2008 passage of Proposition 1B, which provided funding for the required local match, we have proceeded with the preparation of the final plans for these bridges. Construction for two of the six bridges has been completed. One of the remaining four bridges is currently under construction and two bridges are scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in December 2009. The remaining bridge is Wilmington Avenue & 223rd Street over Dominguez Channel (53C0459). Plans for Bridge No. 53C0459 were completed in January 2008 and we received the permits from Fish and Game in May 2008. However during construction of one of the bridge seismic retrofit projects, we encountered hazardous materials at the site. In order to minimize delay of the construction for other bridge projects, we decided to conduct additional site investigations for the remaining bridge retrofit projects that would likely encounter hazardous materials. The site investigation for this bridge, which was completed in March 2009, revealed that this site is likely to have high levels of contamination. Since this bridge is under the jurisdiction of the City of Carson, we have been working with the City to clear the site of contaminated soil before proceeding with the construction phase of the project.	None	Yes	Josie Gutierrez
2003-04	Federal	No	07	Los Angeles County	1,4,5	BRLSZD	5953(380)	Five Bridges in Los Angeles County, Bridge #'s 53C0575, 53C0070, 53C0375, 53C0138, 53C0930	Seismic Retrofit	6A	\$1,958,994	\$1,889,820	\$69,174	03/31/2011	Yes	Yes	9	Removal of the State matching funds prevented the local agencies from advancing the individual bridges to construction. As a result of the November 2008 passage of Proposition 1B, which provided funding for the required local match, we have proceeded with the preparation of the final plans for these bridges. We had received the E-76 for the construction phase for four of the five bridges in this project. Two of the four bridges are currently under construction and the other two bridges are anticipated to be advertised for construction bids in December 2009. The remaining bridge is Foothill Boulevard over San Gabriel River (53C0375). On September 30, 2009, we submitted the Request for Authorization (RFA) to proceed with construction to Caltrans. Caltrans is currently updating the FTIP for HBP funded projects, which is anticipated to be completed and approved in March 2010. Once the FTIP is approved, Caltrans will proceed in processing our RFA and issue the approved E-76. Upon receipt of the E-76, we will proceed with the construction of the project and submit the Final Invoice.	None	Yes	Josie Gutierrez
2003-04	Federal	No	07	Los Angeles County	2,5	BRLSZD	5953(372)	Three Bridges in Los Angeles County: Alameda Street, Bridge #53C0599; Colorado Boulevard, Bridge #53C0596; 4th Street POC, Bridge #53C1565	Seismic Retrofit - Category 1	6A	\$611,425	\$603,237	\$8,189	03/31/2011	Yes	Yes	9	Removal of the State matching funds prevented the local agencies from advancing the individual bridges to construction. As a result of the November 2008 passage of Proposition 1B, which provided funding for the required local match, we have proceeded with the preparation of the final plans for these bridges. We had received the E-76 for the construction phase for two of the three bridges in this project. Construction of one of the three bridges has been completed and one is scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in December 2009. The remaining bridge is Alameda Street over Compton Creek, 53C0599. The preliminary plans for this bridge were completed in early 2008 and submitted to Caltrans' Office of Special Funded Projects(OSFP) for review. OSFP suggested that the plans be reviewed for constructability by ADSC-The International Association of Foundation Drilling. In August 2008, we received comments from five drilling contractors, who are members of the ADSC, indicating that the construction of the deep and large diameter piles would be difficult, if not impossible, and would be costly due to the low overhead clearance (17 feet) and the proximity to the Caltrans SR-91 bridge columns. They recommended smaller diameter piles or other retrofit alternatives. Caltrans' OSFP and Structures Local Assistance (SLA) recommend that we reanalyze the bridge and propose a more economical and constructible retrofit alternative. We completed the Modified Strategy Report in August 2009, which was subsequently approved by Caltrans on September 21, 2009. We are currently revising the plans based on the modified strategy report. We anticipate submitting the RFA for construction phase in October 2010.	None	Yes	Josie Gutierrez
2003-04	Federal	No	07	Los Angeles County	1,4,5	STPLNZ	5953(117)	7 locations in Los Angeles County: BR # 53C-0315; 53C-0312; 53C-0081; 53C-0036; 53C-0422; 53C-1026; 53C-0266	Seismic Retrofit	6A	\$1,006,924	\$990,948	\$15,976	03/31/2011	Yes	Yes	8	Removal of the State matching funds prevented the local agencies from advancing the individual bridges to construction. As a result of the November 2008 passage of Proposition 1B, which provided funding for the required local match, we have proceeded with the preparation of the final plans for these bridges. We had received the E-76 and completed the construction for six of the seven bridges in this project. The remaining bridge is Beverly Boulevard at Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), 53C0036. UPRR made some changes in the embankment next to the abutment of the bridge, which significantly affected our original design. UPRR's modifications to one of the bents made it very difficult for us to retrofit this bridge per the original design. Therefore, we needed to reanalyze the bridge and propose a more economical and constructible retrofit alternative based on the revised site condition. On July 29, 2009 Caltrans approved the Modified Strategy Report. We have completed the 90% plans, which are currently being reviewed by UPRR. We anticipate submitting the RFA for construction phase in July 2010.	None	Yes	Josie Gutierrez
2003-04	Federal	No	07	Los Angeles County	5	STPLV	5953(134)	EAST FORK ROAD @ SAN GABRIEL RIVER; BR #53C-0007	SEISMIC RETROFIT (VOLUNTARY)	6A	\$141,363	\$137,363	\$4,000	03/31/2011	Yes	Yes	9	The RFA for construction phase was submitted to Caltrans in December 2009. Caltrans is currently updating the FTIP for HBP funded projects, which are anticipated to be completed and approved in March 2010. Once the FTIP is approved, Caltrans will proceed in processing our RFA and issue the approved E-76. Upon receipt of the E-76, we will proceed with the construction of the project and submit the Final Invoice.	None	Yes	Josie Gutierrez
2003-04	Federal	No	07	Los Angeles County	1,2,3,4,5	STPLZ	5953(151)	IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 7 BRIDGES AT VARIOUS LOCATION; BR NOS. 53C0440, 53C0311, 53C0876, 53C0620, 53C0720, 53C0084, & 53C0082	SEISMIC RETROFIT	6A	\$811,867	\$794,750	\$17,117	03/31/2011	Yes	Yes	9	Removal of the State matching funds prevented the local agencies from advancing the individual bridges to construction. As a result of the November 2008 passage of Proposition 1B, which provided funding for the required local match, we have proceeded with the preparation of the final plans for these bridges. We had received the E-76 and completed the construction for six of the seven bridges in this project. The remaining bridge is Slauson Avenue over San Gabriel River, 53C0084. The plans were completed in July 2008 and submitted to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) for approval and issuance of the right of entry agreement. Consequently, BNSF was planning to widen the rails under Piers six and seven, which could affect our project. BNSF's railroad bridge project involves widening of the bridge to accommodate the third track under the existing Slauson Avenue bridge between two piers. After extensive discussions with BNSF staff, it was decided that BNSF would need to complete their bridge widening first because the existing piers of the Slauson Avenue bridge would be modified as part of the bridge widening project. The railroad anticipate to complete their project in June 2010. We anticipate submitting the RFA for construction phase in March 2010.	None	Yes	Josie Gutierrez
TOTAL # OF FEDERAL PROJECTS:						6	TOTALS:				\$5,615,420	\$5,484,308	\$131,112								

Signature of Approving Agency's Board or Council:

Print Name:

Date: